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I went over to see Doug Dillon this morning to tell him about my trip to the United States. He advised me that he had requested Washington to arrange [redacted] if Monsieur Pinay went over on a private visit he be received by the Secretary of State and the President. I told him [redacted] I had spoken to Arthur Page on this subject, and Arthur had written me he had made the necessary arrangements for the Council on Foreign Relations to entertain Monsieur Pinay in New York and also at some of their other branches, such as those in Boston, Philadelphia, New Orleans, St. Louis and San Francisco.

Dorothy and Myron Cowen came to lunch. He had just left Brussels this morning, and his successor, Fred Alger, with whom I had a talk a few days ago in Washington, will not be getting there for another month. Myron thinks [redacted] Belgian ratification by the lower house of the EDC treaty could be accomplished before the summer recess of Parliament if the United States Government would arrange a $50,000,000 loan for Belgium. This matter has recently been discussed in Washington and elsewhere by Governor Frère of the Central Bank but without success. I had inquired into it during my trip to Washington and Cowen will take it up when he returns there in a couple of weeks. The others at lunch were Guy and Gladys de Polignac, Vicomte and Vicomtesse de Noailles, Jacqueline and Charlie Obendorf, Mr. and Mrs. Terry from Princeton, and others, making 14 in all. Mr. Terry is the father of Bob Terry, who married Ellen Bruce, and owns the Palm Beach Gas and Electric Company.

When Gladys came in she noticed the big stone plaque of Louis XIV which we had just acquired from Jansen and hung in the hall. She said it had been in her mother's house in Versailles, and her mother had sold it to Jansen several years ago. When her mother acquired the house at Versailles and was doing over the garden they had found this huge piece of stone buried several feet deep

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